

The College Apportionment.

Mt. Zion, Ohio, have sent in their apportionment, \$50.00. Roanoke, Indiana, class, \$40.00. G. W. Rensch reports that he has been successful and meeting with encouragements in every church that he has thus far visited in Indiana. Hope that those who are still delinquent will prepare for his coming and assist him in the work. Very encouraging reports are coming in.

Yours fraternally.

JOHN KEIM,
Sec. A. U. F. Com.

Bryan, Ohio.

The people of the Bryan class believe that preachers eat and for proof for such belief, on Tuesday eve, most all of the members came into the house by storm with their arms full of good things, filling our kitchen almost to overflowing. They were evidently thoughtful in bringing the physician along, that in case any demonstration of over-fright, they might be prepared. Well, there was almost need of his help, but we recovered rapidly and eventually we had a pleasant time. Our hearts go out in thanksgiving to this party.

W. A. WELTY.

Pittsburg, Pa.

It has been sometime since the EVANGELIST has heard anything from Pittsburg. We are alive and growing. Scarcely a month passes without baptisms, while there is a spirit of awakening and inquiry constantly manifested. Several months ago our pastor organized a Lord's day morning prayer meeting held at 10 A. M. This meeting is for consecration and to seek the Holy Spirit's power and spiritual upbuilding of Christ, and for the building of a new house of worship. The results of this morning meeting are wonderful. That little room, as the pastor calls it, has become the power room of the church. We pray in that little room until the form of our new meeting house seems to rise within the lines of our vision. It is surely coming. Dr. McGregor has already several subscriptions for the new building. The Lucerne Conservatory has opened with nearly double the number of students of last year. President McGregor and Proctor Bole are busy in its interests. The institution is now prepared to furnish instruction in instrumental and vocal music, in natural science and classics, in common school branches, in literature, in physical culture and beginning and higher oratory. We opened our home and gave Dr. McGregor and the school a reception on the night of the 5th. Speeches were made by Proctor Bole, Deacon Bole, Prof. Trawatha, and myself. A program of

musical and literary entertainment of high order was rendered, after which the committee served a very fine banquet.

Our last communion was largely attended and was a spiritual feast.

DR. JAS. C. KENNEDY.

College Notes.

I have just been told by some members of a congregation that has been allotted one hundred dollars that they would try to have their money all raised by the time I came so they would enjoy the meeting better. Yes, success is coming. We must succeed.

Buckle on the armor, my brother. Begin now to talk college and you will eat better and not dream such frightful dreams.

No failure at any place yet. Will your church be the first failure to report? You will not allow that, will you?

G. W. RENCH.

Report of Brethren Publication Board.

Year ending August 2, 1897.

EVANGELIST subscriptions,	\$1751.51
Quarterlies,	1148.51
Cheering Words,	472.58
Our Little Folks,	270.24
Books and Tracts,	203.03
King's Children,	98.25
Total,	\$3944.12
Total Expenditures,	4595.53
Total amount of business done,	3944.12

Deficit,	651.41
Amt. cash received during year,	4782.26
" expenditures,	4658.75
Balance cash on hand Aug. 2,	123.51
Amt. stock on hand,	375.00
Amt. outstanding accounts,	1110.92
	1485.92

BILLS PAYABLE.

A. D. Gnagey, balance due,	1256.00
Wages,	87.18
Paper,	122.54
Coal,	5.00
Note S. S. C. E. including int.,	206.00
Bills Payable,	1676.72
Total assets,	1485.92
Deficit,	190.80

The foregoing is an account of the regular business transacted during the year by the present Board. It does not include any of the unpaid obligations of the Brethren Book and Tract Com. except the balance due A. D. Gnagey for publishing the

literature; the Brethren Publication Board decided however to recognize all just claims against the preceeding Board. The correct financial standing of the Publishing House on Aug. 2, 1897 is therefore as follows:

Bills Payable as reported,	\$1676.72
Josiah Keim (note)	160.00
C. Rowland (note)	288.43
J. M. Tombaugh (coupon bonds)	225.00
Wm. Kolb,	12.50
J. C. Cassel,	12.50
J. P. Lichty, (Holsinger Stock)	50.00
S. B. Bickley,	50.00
C. Meyers,	20.00
Total,	2495.15

For reasons which will be stated later your Board saw fit to purchase its own printing outfit at a cost of \$2500.00 for which it issued twenty bonds of \$125.00 which, when added to all other obligations as given in detail will amount to \$4995.15. Total assets including printing outfit, \$3985.92. Total deficit, \$1009.23.

Among the above assets there may be seven or eight hundred dollars of uncollectable accounts which will of course greatly increase the deficit.

This is not a flattering report, and it is indeed very embarrassing to your Board to be obliged to present matters in such bad shape. Some explanations are of course necessary, and we are happy to be able to make them without reflecting upon any one, without questioning any one's honesty, and with brighter prospects in view.

As you all know during the year the EVANGELIST was reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.00 per annum, and put upon a strictly cash basis. This appears to have been a mistake, as instead of increasing the circulation, as it was hoped it would, it decreased at first over thirty-five per cent.; it has however recovered since to about its normal circulation of over two thousand subscribers, but the fact still remains that the Board lost possibly one thousand dollars by its kind consideration for other people. The decrease in circulation was no doubt attributable to the strictly cash system and to the great depression in business and consequent scarcity of money.

But as nearly every misfortune has its compensation, so the dilemma of your Board will result in great gain to the church. Finding itself embarrassed after five months of business, a meeting of the Board was called at which a most searching investigation was made of every detail of the business. Through that it was found possible to very greatly reduce the operating expense of the Publishing House if the Board owned its own printing outfit;